

\$237,650 in ARC funding slated for sewer improvements

Total project funding is \$475,300 with OEPA match

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce a \$237,650 federal grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for sewer improvements in the Village of Caldwell. The grant will help separate the village's combined sewer and storm sewer systems and provide improved service to 213 households, 6 businesses and a high school.

With the current combined sewer system, the residents and businesses of Caldwell experience sewage overflows and flooded basements during heavy rainfall. These overflows also send untreated sewage into the West Fork Duck Creek which hurts water quality. Under the community's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Caldwell must eliminate these overflows within the next 20 years.

"This is a project that has required attention for a long time," Wilson said. "I'm so pleased that Noble County residents will get some relief and see real change. Our infrastructure has been neglected for too long. Keeping the water in our communities safe and our homes protected from flooding is extremely important."

The ARC funds will help eliminate overflows in two of the highest priority areas. It will pay for new connections, redirection of downspouts, and the installation of new storm sewer and sanitary sewer lines. The project will also facilitate the extension of sewer service to sections of Noble County that currently rely on failing septic systems, which can harm residents' health and the environment.

In addition to ARC funds, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will provide \$237,650, bringing the total project funding to \$475,300.